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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4-9 and 18-20, without prejudice, and add new claims 29-34, as follows:

- 29. (New) An inverted microscope according to claim 21, wherein the contraction magnification of the photographing system is so set that the magnification of the image of the observation sample displayed by the display means should be equal to the magnification of the image of the observation sample observed by the eyepieces.
- 30. (New) An inverted microscope according to claim 21, wherein when displaying the image photographed by the photographing means by the display means, a signal processing portion having an electronic zoom function for magnifying the image by an optional magnification is arranged,

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